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The Grants listed below ranged in funding from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

**IRP - Tovarna podjemov
“PODIM 2020”**

PODIM DX conference, the largest and leading conference on entrepreneurship, start-ups and innovation in the Alps-Adriatic region, was on-line conference between May 18-20, 2021. In more than 72 hours of live broadcast, the extremely rich program offered more than 50 round tables, presentations and workshops with 144 excellent speakers. Grant enabled the organizers to provide top USA entrepreneur mentors and speakers.

**Study and Sports in the U.S.
“Study and Sports in the U.S.”**

The purpose of this project was to inform Slovenian high school students about the opportunities for studying in the US, especially for athletes. Project consisted of various presentations at high schools and educational events and fairs in order to inform the students about the American school system, sports scholarships and other opportunities.

**Ypsilon Institute
“Y Business Success Stories - Interconnecting”**

The purpose of the project was to introduce young Slovenians to the opportunities and possibilities deriving from the strong bond between Slovenia and the U.S. by implementing three on-line events that touched upon similarities and differences between Slovenian and American culture, study and work in the U.S. and presented the American entrepreneurial environment and opportunities for collaboration.

**Intellectual Property Institute
“Intellectual Property and Artificial Intelligence: Legal Challenges for Text and Data Mining and Big Data Analytics”**

The purpose of this project was to introduce the basics of copyright law and its impacts on machine learning and text and data mining for researchers and businesses and to present few general challenges and questions that AI poses to the IP and vice versa.

**SOS HelpLine
“Women Human Rights Defenders”**

The purpose of the project was to increase capacity of Slovenian professionals, media, and the general public to discuss and address issues related to the violence against women. Over 200 hundred participants coming from the health sector, social welfare, education and NGO practitioners and victims of sexual abuse attended 2-day conference that increased capacity of Slovenian



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professional public through starting up a systemic long-term networking process organized within Regional and Trans-Atlantic Co-operation. The event also marked European Day of Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse and The World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

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Slovenian Paralympic Committee

“Promoting sports for young disabled athletes through Jr. NBA Slovenia program”.

The purpose of the project is to promote human rights and equal rights in sport; specifically, in basketball through implementation of the workshops for students, coaches and teachers and to promote equal rights by including disabled students in the NBA Jr. Tournament Slovenia.

Legal Information Center for NGOs

“BE THE CHANGE, Network of legal volunteers”

The purpose of the project was to build a network of skills-based (lawyers) volunteers to ensure quality and easily accessible legal support to everyone. That was achieved by designing a module for training of legal volunteers and by organizing a capacity building workshops for lawyers volunteers and practicing lawyers who expressed interest in cooperation in the free legal aid support to citizens.

IPM Digital

“Shaping the future: Digitalization, Cyber Security, and Artificial Intelligence”

The purpose of the project is to organize and facilitate the circulation of knowledge that will lead to better public policies in the field of digitalization and to better understanding by the private sector and the wider public of the process of digitalization and its future challengers, opportunities and risks. The project will do so by organizing three public panel, preparing and disseminating three articles and preparing and disseminating a policy paper with policy recommendations based on the panel discussions.



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DIH – Equal Under the Rainbow

“Take Action in Your Local Community”

The purpose of the project is to extend awareness of LGBTIQ rights by hosting training for local volunteers and activists outside of major cities based on U.S. models meets an existing need in Slovenia.

KUD Pina

“Social Innovators: U.S. Add On”

The purpose of this project was to tackle the emerging group of unemployed or underemployed tertiary educated people with social studies and humanities background by focusing on providing skills and work experience and generating real employment opportunities in the field of social innovations. Part of the project was the International Conference about Social Innovation and Education with experts from the U.S.

Association DOVES – FEE Slovenia

“Hand in Hand for Environmental Sustainability Education”

The purpose of this project on climate change impact on the environment involves Slovenian eco-schools and cooperation with The National Wildlife Federation. Various activities for pupils in primary and secondary schools will be organized to highlight how climate change is linked to other environmental issues and to our everyday life.

Gea College

“Entrepreneurship in a New Reality”

Over 600 people participated in 10 webinars hosting over 40 guest speakers in tailor-made program providing young and future entrepreneurs know-how and entrepreneurial experience by connecting and facilitating Trans-Atlantic cooperation, talking about the new business reality and what does that mean for the future entrepreneurs.

Mini Theater

“The Festival House of Tolerance 2021”

The International Festival House of Tolerance is a unique festival whose rich program includes film projections, thematic exhibitions, education, discussions and music events, lectures and public debates that contribute to democratic enlightenment, education and heightens the public awareness for remembrance and individual social responsibilities. A diverse seven-day artistic program for youth, students and the general public touched upon the current narrative on the always important topic of tolerance – complexities of conflict and peace in various international contexts.



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Pod črto

“Impact Storytelling: creating greater impact of watchdog organizations in Slovenia through stories”

The purpose of the project is to empower watchdog organizations in Slovenia by facilitating knowledge transfer on the use of the Impact Storytelling method as a tool for communicating public interest investigative stories to diverse audiences.

Club REVUS

“Good Government Accelerator – High Tech Based Public Participation in Law Making”

The purpose of the project is to organize a three-day workshop to promote good governance and improve public participation in political decision-making using Crowdlaw. They will focus in particular on the issues how to use citizens' contacts with the everyday problems to identify emerging issues quicker; how to identify problems that could be addressed more effectively through civic participation and how to use citizens' expertise to solve specific problems.